

News Advisory

What's Love Got to Do With It?

Students challenged to help prevent dating violence

WHAT: The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) invites Utah students to create artwork that will raise awareness of the seriousness of dating violence among their peers. Students are encouraged to submit entries inspired by the theme, "Dating Abuse Prevention: What's Love Got to Do With It?" The contest is part of a larger effort to encourage students, parents, and schools to participate in Utah's Teen Dating Violence Prevention Week held February 6-12, 2011.

Students may submit artwork in one of three categories: visual arts, YouTube video, or written work. Each winner will be recognized at an awards ceremony and will receive a tuition-paid visual arts, film production, or writing class from one of three local businesses: Spy Hop Productions, Visual Arts Institute, and Higher Ground Learning Center.

WHY: In 2009, nearly 11% of Utah 9th-12th graders reported being hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend or girlfriend.

WHO: The contest is open to all Utah students in grades 7-12.

WHEN: The deadline for entries is January 9, 2011.

WHERE: Entries must be posted on the Utah Teen Dating Scene Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/UtahTeenDatingScene>). For more information about the contest, visit <http://health.utah.gov/vipp/datingviolence/mediacontest.html>.

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